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REMARKS

In the above Listing of Claims, corrected markings and/or status designations are shown for claims 2, 3, 39, 41-45, and 54 as should have been shown in the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005 for this application. Applicants wish to correct the records by correcting the markings and status designations. The corrections are discussed as follows with reference to claims submitted in the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005:

Claim 2

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 2 is listed as the following:

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
exposing said set of structures to a fourth solution including a second set of acids for a fourth period; and
exposing said set of structures to a fifth solution including a first set of alkalines for a fifth period.

Applicants respectfully submit that there are errors in the status designation and marking for the amendment, and claim 2 should be listed as the following:

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 1, further including the steps of:
exposing said set of structures to a fourth solution including a second set of acids for a fourth period; and
exposing said set of structures to a fifth solution including a first set of alkalines for a fifth period.

Claim 3

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 3 is listed as the following:

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3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of exposing said set of structures in said first solution for a first period further includes mechanically rubbing said set of structures with an abrasive pad.

Applicants respectfully submit that there are errors in the status designation and marking for the amendment, and claim 3 should be listed as the following:

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 1, wherein said step of ~~immersing~~ exposing said set of structures in said first solution for a first period further includes mechanically rubbing said set of structures with an abrasive pad.

Claim 39

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 39 is listed as the following:

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said fourth solution comprises H₂O.

Applicants respectfully submit that there are errors in the status designation and marking for the amendment, and claim 39 should be listed as the following:

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said fourth solution comprises H₂O.

Claim 41

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 41 is listed as the following:

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said CH₃COOH comprises from about 2% to about 10% of said fourth solution.

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Applicants respectfully submit that there is an error in the marking for the amendment, and claim 41 should be listed as the following:

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said CH_3COOH , comprises from about 2% to about 10% of said fourth solution.

Claim 42

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 42 is listed as the following:

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said CH_3COOH , comprises from about 2% to about 6% of said fourth solution.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is an error in the marking for the amendment, and claim 42 should be listed as the following:

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said CH_3COOH , comprises from about 2% to about 6% of said fourth solution.

Claim 43

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 43 is listed as the following:

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said CH_3COOH , comprises of about 4% to about 5% of said fourth solution.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is an error in the marking for the amendment, and claim 43 should be listed as the following:

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said CH_3COOH , comprises of about 4% to about 5% of said fourth solution.

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Claim 44

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 44 is listed as the following:

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said fourth period is about 10 minutes.

Applicants respectfully submit that there are errors in the status designation and marking for the amendment, and claim 44 should be listed as the following:

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said fourth period ~~comprises~~ is about 10 minutes.

Claim 45

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 45 is listed as the following:

45. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said fourth solution comprises H₂O₂.

Applicants respectfully submit that there are errors in the status designation and marking for the amendment, and claim 45 should be listed as the following:

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said fourth solution comprises H₂O₂.

Claim 54

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on 1/24/2005, claim 54 is listed as the following:

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said fifth period is about 10 minutes.

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Applicants respectfully submit that there are errors in the status designation and marking for the amendment, and claim 54 should be listed as the following:

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said fifth period comprises is about 10 minutes.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above corrections and, if applicable, provide timely advice for further corrective actions in addition to this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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